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Dear GMPC,

I unfortunately cannot attend the council meeting this Wednesday, but would like to convey a few brief comments in advance.

For so long, bicycling and walking have not been generally viewed as “valid” methods of travel and commuting, but this is clearly changing quite rapidly. The sad reality still remains that funding and political emphasis gives motor vehicles and public transit a higher priority – by many orders of magnitude. I’m not suggesting you give non-motorized transportation an equal priority, but that you state very clearly that bicycling and walking are fully viable forms of transportation – and factor this into your planning scenarios accordingly.

On the Eastside, for instance, we have the Eastside Rail Corridor, which has incredible potential for facilitating non-motorized transportation throughout the Eastside – but any forward movement on converting this to a trail has languished for years.

I ask that you please help us Eastsiders, by doing what you can to move forward on making the Eastside Rail Corridor usable for biking and walking.

Best Regards,

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